ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 7, 1845.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, Feb. 8, 1845.

The committee chosen to reckon and settle with Nathan S. Hamblin, Treasurer, submit the following Report:

The receipts by the Treasurer to date have been as follows:

Cash received of B. F. Adams, Collector for 1844, before Oct. 2, 1844	$2,206 77
Cash received of B. F. Adams for 1844, before Dec. 2, 1844	1,075 50
Cash received of B F. Adams, after Dec. 2, to Feb. 4, 1845	586 29
Highway taxes for 1843, paid before Dec. 2	4 08
Money borrowed	1,495 77
Cash received from all other sources	1,126 55
Amounting to the sum of	$6,494 96

And has paid out the following sums, to wit, on notes, including principal and interest:

To John Abbot	$ 48 31
To John Abbot	100 26
To John Abbot	149 79
To Eli Tower	102 64
To Overseers of Poor	100 00
To Overseers of Poor	50 00
To Overseers of Poor	100 00
To Elias Sweetser	25 00
Daniel Flagg	30 37
Gilbert Farmer	976 50
Betsey A. Day	27 62
Eliakim Hutchins, Jr	104 41
Thomas Day	230 25
Henry A. Prescott	132 44
Henry A. Prescott	104 21
Henry A. Prescott	62 40
Parazina Heyden	143 45
Amounting to the sum of	$2,487 65

And has paid interest on notes now due:

To Jonathan F. Parker	$ 22 50
Jonathan F. Parker	9 60
George Fletcher	6 00
John Osgood	30 00
Henry Fletcher	12 00
Amounting in the whole to	$2,567 75

Discount on taxes up to Oct. 2, 1844		110 34
Discount on taxes up to Dec. 2, 1844		32 26
Cash paid out on orders		3,623 36
Balance in the Treasurer's hands, consisting of cash		116 22
Wm. S. Nutting's note	$35 03	
Eunice Prescott's note	10 00	
Amounting to the sum of	$6,494 96	

The Collector for the year 1844 has paid:

To the County Treasurer the county tax for 1844	$365 95
To the State Treasurer the state tax for 1844,	93 75

The available resources of the town are estimated as follows:

Henry P. Herrick, Collector for 1843, balance due	$15 01
Interest on the above from March 4, 1844, to date	83
B. F. Adams, Collector for 1844, balance due	11 28
Wm. S. Nutting's note	35 03
Eunice Prescott's note	10 00
Cash in Treasurer's hands	116 22
Amounting to the sum of	$188 37

Your committee further report that the town is indebted to the following named persons on notes, including interest, to wit:

Eve C. Kneeland	$102 00
Henry Fletcher	103 00
Jonathan F. Parker	60 90
Isaac W. Hutchins	32 22
Amos Day	103 75
Jonathan F. Parker	101 01
John Osgood	502 50
Jonathan F. Parker	290 00
Calista Hildreth	110 50
George Fletcher	105 50
John Abbot	211 00
John Abbot	105 50
Trustees of Westford Academy	420 00
John Osgood	101 50
Amounting to the sum of	$2,349 37
Outstanding orders	248 38

Outstanding claims estimated as follows:

Master of the Poorhouse to date	200 00
Amount carried forward	$2,797 75

Amount brought forward		$2,797 75
Breaking out roads, unless the town vote not to pay any longer	125 00	
Other claims	75 00	
		$2,997 75
Deduct estimated resources		188 37
Leaves the sum, in which the town it indebted, of		$2,809 38
Amount of the liabilities of the town last year was		$3,510 10
Amount of the liabilities of the town this year		2,809 38
Reducing the debt of the town		$700 72

JOHN ABBOT,
JOHN W. P. ABBOT,
THADDEUS BLODGETT,
Committee.

NATHAN S. HAMBLIN,
Treasurer.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Annual report of the expense of the town of Westford, for the year ending Feb. 7, 1845.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

William Chandler, repairing one section of road	$37 50	
William Chandler, making 70 rods of road near the house of Jonathan Keyes	34 50	
William Chandler, repairing three sections of road	49 25	
William Chandler, repairing one section of road	9 25	
William Chandler, work on the Dunstable road	5 50	
William Chandler, powder and use of tools on road	25	
		$136 25
J. B. Read, repairing tools by A. Higley		1 14
work on roads		1 75
S. & S. D. Fletcher, 53 lbs. powder delivered surveyors,		6 65
Nathan Robbins, work on the roads		3 58
Amount carried forward		$149 37

Amount brought forward	$149 37
B. A. Reed, work on the roads	2 00
Asia Nutting, repairing one section of road	30 00
Rosel Read, work on the roads	11 50
building one section of road	35 00
Samuel C. Tenney, building 33 rods new road	45 38
Eli Tower, work on the roads	8 37
Rosel Read, repairing bridge near J. Ingalls'	4 00
Hilliard E. Woodward, repairing bridge near T. Richardson's	3 00
Joel A. Wright, work on the roads	8 26
S. N. Burbeck, repairing bridge over Vine brook	6 00
Edward Prescott, repairing bridge near Barnard Read's,	5 00
Micah Parmenter, work on the roads	4 50
Jesse Hildreth, repairing one section of road	26 00
Asia Hamblin, use of drill on the road	50
W. W. Goodhue, repairing tools	4 50
George Fletcher, plank and use of tools	1 20
	$344 58

BREAKING OUT ROADS.

Benjamin A. Read, for	199	hours'	work	$24 86
James Hildreth,	217¾	"	"	27 22
Amos Hildreth, 2d	86	"	"	10 76
J. B. Read,	157½	"	"	19 63
S. N. Burbeck,	98	"	"	12 25
Ephraim Harwood,	193¼	"	"	24 16
Asia Nutting,	157½	"	"	19 69
George Fletcher,	36	"	"	4 50
Artemas W. Cummings,	155	"	"	19 37
Jesse Wright,	23	"	"	2 87
William Chandler,	31	"	"	3 88
Jacob Smith,	180	"	"	22 50
Eli Tower,	26	"	"	3 25
Daniel Flagg,	184	"	"	23 00
Albert Leighton,	168	"	"	20 99
Joseph Hildreth,	29	"	"	3 63
B. O. Farwell,	39¾	"	"	4 96
George Harlow,	217	"	"	27 10
Eliakim Hutchins, Jr.,	45	"	"	5 63
J. W. P. Abbot,	18	"	"	2 25
S. D. Fletcher,	32½	"	"	4 06
Elias Sweetser,	90	"	"	11 25
Amos Day,	16½	"	"	2 06
John Day,	82	"	"	10 25
Abijah Fletcher,	71	"	"	8 87
Amount carried forward				$318 99

Amount brought forward					$318 99
Edward Prescott,	67	"	"	.....	8 37
Timothy Smith,	47½	"	"	.....	5 94
Nathan Robbins,	6	"	"	.....	75
Rosel Read,	29	"	"	.....	3 60
Hilliard E. Woodward,	30	"	"	.....	3 75
John Davis,	118¾	"	"	.....	14 80
Levi Fletcher,	25	"	"	.....	3 12
William Chandler,	28	"	"	.....	3 50
Joel A. Wright,	90½	"	"	.....	11 30
Imla Keyes,	14	"	"	.....	1 72
Horatio Wright,	20	"	"	.....	2 50
Micah Parmenter,	32	"	"	.....	4 00
Ira Leland,	25	"	"	.....	3 12
J. B. Fletcher,	21	"	"	.....	2 62
Anan Read,	28	"	"	.....	3 50
					$391 57

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES INCLUDING COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Thaddeus Blodgett, for cash paid for copying and printing reports for 1843–4,	$11 50	
folding and stitching the same,	50	
cash paid and time spent going to Lowell to get reports printed	1 75	
making out reports	6 00	
		$19 75
Nathan S. Hamblin, services as Treasurer up to March 4, 1844	5 00	
services as School Committee,	7 00	
		12 00
Henry P. Herrick, services as School Committee,	19 50	
cash paid John Abbot for paying 3 notes at Cambridge ...	1 00	
time spent paying notes	50	
		21 00
Stearns & Taylor, for printing reports for 1842–3,	9 00	
Josiah K. Webber, attending 20 funerals	8 00	
		17 00
Amount carried forward		$69 75

Amount brought forward		$69 75
J. W. P. Abbot, services as committee to oppose the petition of Asa Fletcher and others	15 00	
cash paid Moore for bringing up documents from Boston for town	13	
going to poor house and to Lowell relative to warming the poor house	2 00	
cash paid for horse and sleigh	1 42	
going to poor house and to Lowell about the furnace	1 50	
cash paid for horse to go to the poor house twice	50	
time spent about the furnace and going to Lowell to pay Dana,	2 50	
One-half day spent at the poor house about the furnace	75	
services as committee to restate the report of the Overseers of the Poor for 1843	2 00	
services as committee to restate the Selectmen's report	2 00	
cash paid Moore for carrying returns to Secretary's office	25	
cash paid Ira Leland for carrying furnace up to the poor house,	75	
making out blank forms of warrants, notices, etc., for use of the town	3 00	
recording 26 births	2 08	
" 13 deaths	1 04	
" 4 marriages	32	
cash paid J. Webber for pair hinges	25	
services as Town Clerk for the year ending March 3d, 1845	12 00	
		$47 49
Samuel Fletcher, services as committee to oppose the petition of Asa Fletcher and others	12 00	
J. B. Fletcher, services as committee to oppose the above petition	10 00	
		$22 00
Amount carried forward		$139 24

Amount brought forward		$139 24
Francis Fletcher, 6 stone posts and setting the same	2 40	
25 stone posts and railing the same	15 62	
		$18 02
Thaddeus Blodgett, services as committee to settle with the Overseers of the Poor for 1842–3	75	
services as committee to settle with the Overseers of the Poor for 1843–4	1 00	
going to Levi Heywood's to settle with the Overseers of the Poor for 1842–3	75	
services as committee to restate Overseers' report	75	
services as committee to restate Selectmen's report	1 00	
services as committee to restate Overseers' report	1 50	
		$5 75
Henry P. Herrick, cash paid and time spent obtaining evidence in relation to Mary Perry's pension	7 75	
cash paid and time spent binding out Sylvia Read	75	
going to the poor house to settle with the committee to restate the report of the Overseers of the Poor	1 50	
going to the poor house to restate report	1 00	
restating report	2 00	
going to the poor house to settle with committee	1 50	
1 guide-board	1 25	
services as committee to let out and superintend the building of a piece of new road at the north part of the town	3 00	
		$18 75
T. W. Pressy, for board, rooms, and lights for Town officers, from Feb. 9, '44, to June 13, '44		23 87
School District No. 1, use of Hall for an armory		12 00
Shattuck & Brown, printing blank returns, warrants, etc.,		13 00
Amount carried forward		$230 63

Amount brought forward		$230 63
Levi B. Heywood, 1 stone post and setting the same		2 00
Levi Heywood, services as committee to settle with the Overseers of the Poor		5 00
S. & S. D. Fletcher, postage and paper		3 65
B. L. Wright, 6 stone posts and setting the same		2 40
Nathan S. Hamblin, 6 stone posts and setting the same,		2 70
Nathan S. Hamblin, services as committee to procure the furnace for the poor house		2 25
David Whitney, for bricks for the furnace		16 50
W. S. Nutting, for lime for the furnace		2 75
David Dana, furnace and fixtures, and setting the same at the poor house		155 00
Josial Webber, work done at the poor house		8 97
Levi P. Fletcher, meeting the committee to settle with the Overseers of the Poor for 1842–3	1 00	
2 days settling with Overseers,	2 00	
1 day appraising property at poor house	1 00	
		$4 00
William Chandler, services as committee to settle with the Overseers of the Poor for 1842–3	75	
services as committee to settle with the Overseers of the Poor for 1843–4	75	
services as committee to settle with the Overseers of the Poor for 1842–3	75	
		$2 25
Nathan S. Hamblin, time and expense going to Lowell to pay Gilbert Farmer notes he held against the Town		1 75
John Abbot, services as committee to examine the claim of Thomas Hutchins, and making report to the Town		2 50
Eliakim Hutchins, Jr., services as committee on above claim		1 50
Gilbert Parker, services as committee on above claim		1 50
Eliakim Hutchins, Jr., services as committee to let out and superintend the building of a piece of new road at the north part of the Town		3 00
Amount carried forward		$448 35

Amount brought forward		$448 35
Nathan S. Hamblin, services as Town Treasurer for the year ending March 3, 1845		12 00
George Fletcher, abatement of tax	95	
Imla Keyes, abatement of Otis Keyes' poll tax	1 50	
Timothy P. Wright, abatement of poll tax for 1843	1 43	
Henry P. Herrick, abatement of taxes for 1843	32 62	
William S. Brown, abatement of taxes for 1844	1 06	
		$37 56
B. F. Adams, abatement of tax for 1844		49 73
collecting tax for 1844		59 78
William Dupee, going to view the way for a road by Abel Fletcher's, and bridge near Barnard Reed's	1 00	
attending to repairs on bridge near S. N. Burbeck's	75	
22 days taking valuation and invoice	27 50	
12 days making taxes	12 00	
services as selectman	5 00	
		$46 25
Albert Leighton, time spent about the road near Abel Fletcher's	1 00	
letting out a piece of road to make near S. C. Tenney's	75	
going to accept the same	75	
22 days taking valuation and invoice	27 50	
12 days making taxes	12 00	
services as selectman	5 00	
paper	20	
		$47 20
Eli Tower, going to Wilmington to settle a bill of expense on account of Samuel Hildreth	3 00	
time spent about road by Abel Fletcher's	1 00	
letting out the railing of a piece of road near Bela Wright's	75	
22 days taking valuation and invoice	27 50	
12 days making taxes	12 00	
services as selectman	5 00	
		$49 25
Amount carried forward		$750 12

Amount brought forward.....		$750 12
First Parish, for the use of the meetinghouse 1 year...		16 00
J. W. P. Abbot, cash paid Webber for bringing blank returns, warrants, etc., from Groton	13	
cash paid for fixing assessor's chest.....	38	
	——	51
		$766 63

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation, $1100.00.

Paid Joseph Hildreth, Agent District No. 1.....		$214 23
Levi Snow, " " " 2.....		115 07
Timothy P. Wright, " " " 3.....		109 71
Jacob Smith, " " " 4.....		123 11
Jeremiah J. Carter, " " " 5.....		129 81
Elias Sweetser, " " " 6.....		107 03
William Chandler, " " " 7.....		112 39
Asia Nutting, " " " 8.....		92 29
Erastus Wright, " " " 9.....		96 31
		$1099 95

MILITARY.

Paid 32 soldiers $6 00 each.....		$192 00
1 " 3 50.....		3 50
1 " 2 50.....		2 50
2 " 2 00 each.....		4 00
1 " 1 50.....		1 50
		$203 50
Received from the Commonwealth.....		203 50

INTEREST.

Paid Eve C. Kneeland, one year's interest on note.....	$6 00
Paid Amos Day, one year's interest on note.....	6 00

POOR.

Paid out on orders.....	$ 653 42

RECAPITULATION.

Sum raised, deducting State and County tax		$3883 92
Paid for roads and bridges	$344 58	
for breaking out roads	391 57	
incidental expenses, including abatement of taxes, and compensation of Town Officers	766 63	
schools	1099 95	
poor	653 42	
interest	12 00	
Deduct from sum raised		$3268 15
Leaves		$615 77

WILLIAM DUPEE,
ALBERT LEIGHTON,
ELI TOWER,
Selectmen of Westford.

REPORT
OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Overseers of the Poor respectfully submit to the inhabitants of the town of Westford the following Report, concerning the maintenance and support of the Poor from Feb. 4th, 1844, to Feb. 4th, 1845:

Amount of personal property at the poor house, including farming tools and furniture, on the 5th day of April, 1844, as by appraisal of the committee to appraise the same		$884 29
Amount on hand Feb. 3, 1845		942 34
More by the sum of		58 05
Received from the Town Treasury on orders		653 42
Received of John Abbot, Trustee for Samuel Dexter		5 48
Received of Charles Parker, Trustee Mical S. Newton		34 20
Received for stock, produce, etc., sold off the farm as follows:		
3 Pigs	13 00	
A pair of Steers	45 00	
Calves and Hides	30 33	
185 lbs. Butter	27 55	
Straw	11 25	
Other produce and labor	23 23	
W. S. Nutting, note for balance on book account	35 03	
		185 39
		$878 49

And have paid out the following sums, to wit:		
For a pair of oxen		$67 50
John Day, for mending shoes		2 91
Samuel Beck, 1 boiler		2 50
Samuel Beck, repairing milk pans		25
Buttrick & Co., Lowell, for fish		2 88
Henry A. Prescott, Lowell, for pork		4 46
A. W. Felch, 4½ days' work haying		4 50
Levi Felch, 27¾ days' work haying		27 75
Abel Hosmer, for wheelwright work		1 75
Horatio Wright, for use of cider mill		1 68
Luther Blood, for meat		11 05
George Wright, for hay	5 82	
T. A. Skinner, repairing harness	1 37	
B. Felch, 3 days' work haying	3 00	
		$137 42
Other bills by W. S. Nutting, as by his books		52 91
Cash paid W. S. Nutting		35 03
City of Boston, for supplies furnished Judith Bennett		22 00
Buttrick & Co., Lowell, for W. I. Goods		52 62
Allen & Minot, Boston, for cloth		17 81
Town of Wilmington, for supplies furnished Samuel Hildreth, while sick with small pox		88 81
Town of Townsend, for supplies furnished Jonas Kemp in 1843		18 00
Levi Heywood, for paying the same		50
George Spaulding, for boarding Charlotte Ditson 3 weeks and 6 days		7 71
Alfred Scott, for work done at the poor house		75
H. B. Wilber, for visits and medicine		4 75
S. & S. D. Fletcher, for goods		9 84
Henry Griffin, for goods		8 83
S. & S. D. Fletcher, for goods		15 36
Joseph Whitmore, for visits and medicine		6 25
Isaac Day, for digging grave and making coffin for Widow Mary Perry		4 00
Levi T. Fletcher, for pasturing cattle		9 20
Albert Leighton, for clothing furnished Micah S. Newton,		36 16
for supplies furnished Patty Dutton		90
for shoes delivered W. S. Nutting		7 25
S. & S. D. Fletcher, for goods		9 78
Henry Griffin, for goods		30 88
Town of Townsend, for supplies furnished Jonas Kemp and wife		7 56
Eli Tower, for supplies furnished Patty Dutton		18 93
William Dupee, for going to Wilmington to see about Samuel Hildreth	3 00	
going to Littleton to see about Almira Kemp	1 25	
Amount carried forward		$603 25

Amount brought forward.....		$603 25
Cash paid the town of Littleton for supplies furnished Almira Kemp.....	$1 50	
going to Groton to see about Sylvester Patch and family..	1 50	
going to move Sylvester Patch.....	1 50	
paid Town of Groton for supplies furnished Sylvester Patch.....	6 00	
services as Overseer of the Poor.....	5 00	
		19 75
Albert Leighton, for purchasing bill of goods at Boston, and delivered the same at the poor house.....	1 00	
going to Littleton to see about Sarah Buckley.....	1 00	
time spent at Charlestown about Samuel Read.....	1 00	
services as Overseer of the Poor.....	5 00	
		8 00
Eli Tower, for going to Lowell to buy goods for the Poor.....	1 00	
going to Concord to get a man to repair the pump at the poor house...	1 00	
going to Littleton to see about Sarah Buckley.....	1 50	
going to Townsend to see about Jonas Kemp.....	2 50	
going to Townsend to pay bill for supplies furnished Jonas Kemp....	2 50	
services as Overseer of Poor.....	5 00	
		13 50
Thomas Richardson, for meal.....		15 54
Hannah Prescott, for boarding Sarah Buckley 7 weeks and 3 days.....		9 28
		$669 32

RECAPITULATION.

Cash drawn from the Treasury	$653 42	
Received from all other sources	225 07	
		$878 49
Paid out		669 32
Balance returned into the Treasury		209 17
Due from the Town of Framingham		1 96
Due from the Town of Dracut		7 71
Due from J. G. Richardson for hides		7 15
Gain on personal property		58 05
		$284 04
Amount drawn from the Treasury on orders,	$653 42	
Outstanding claims estimated at	50 00	
W. S. Nutting, wages for one year	225 00	
	$928 42	
Deduct	284 04	
Which is the whole expense of the Poor	$644 38	

WILLIAM DUPEE,
ALBERT LEIGHTON,
ELI TOWER,

Overseers of Poor.